

Electronics

Introduccion to Synthetic Biology



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Overview

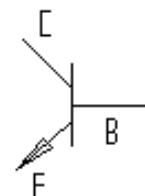
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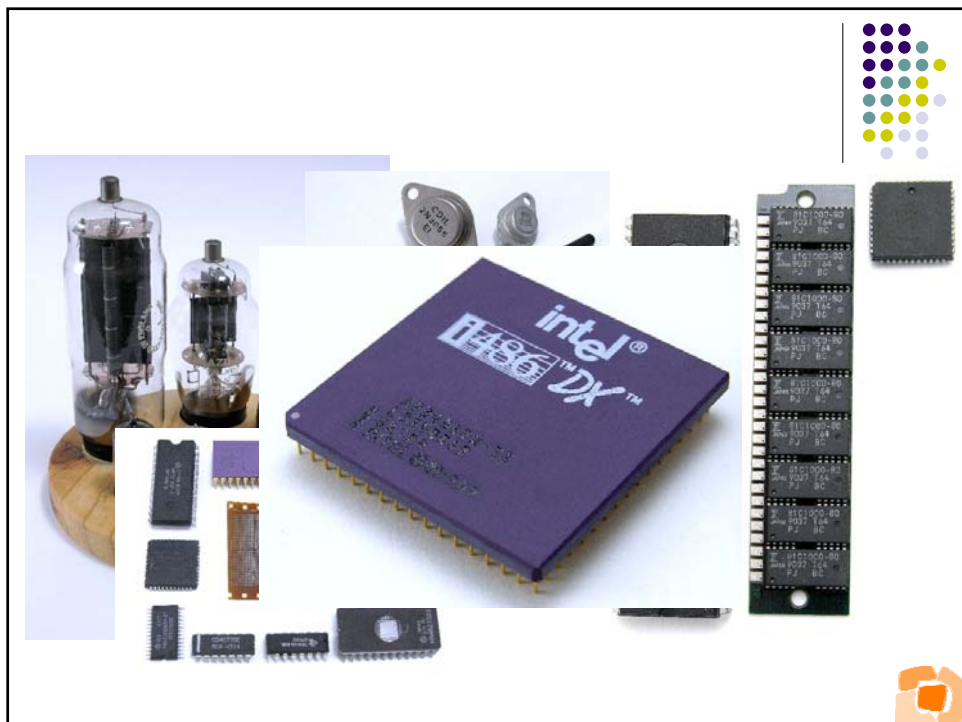
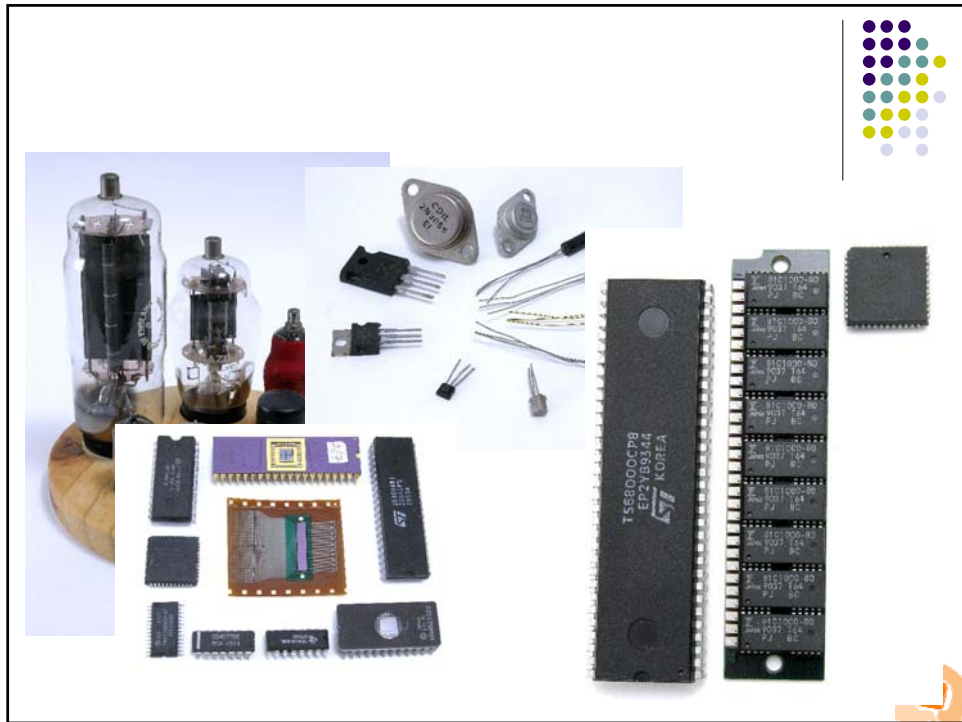


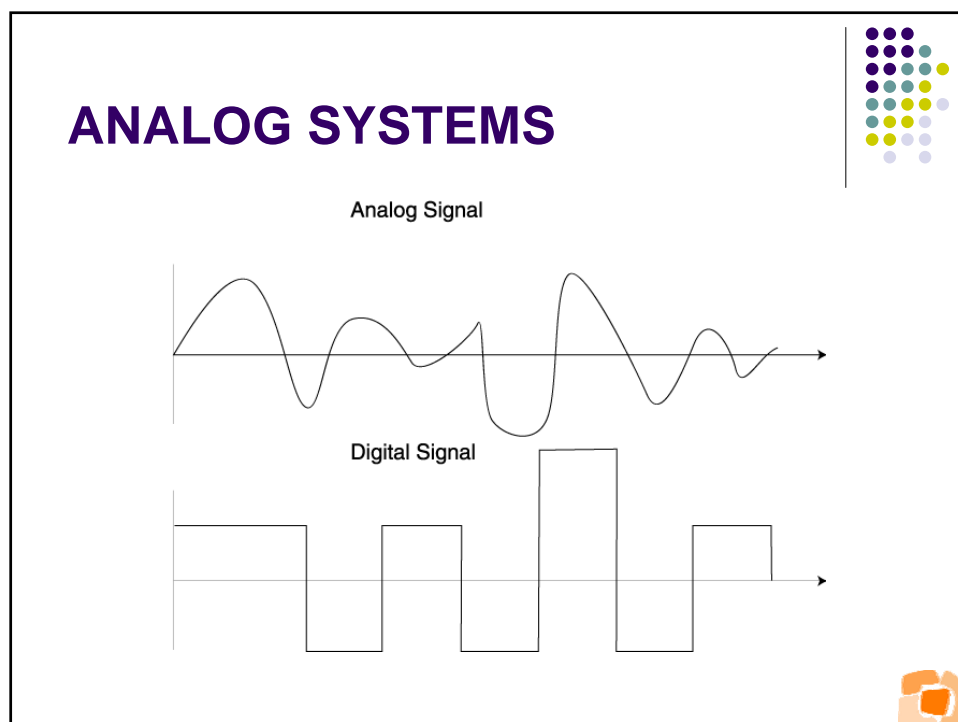
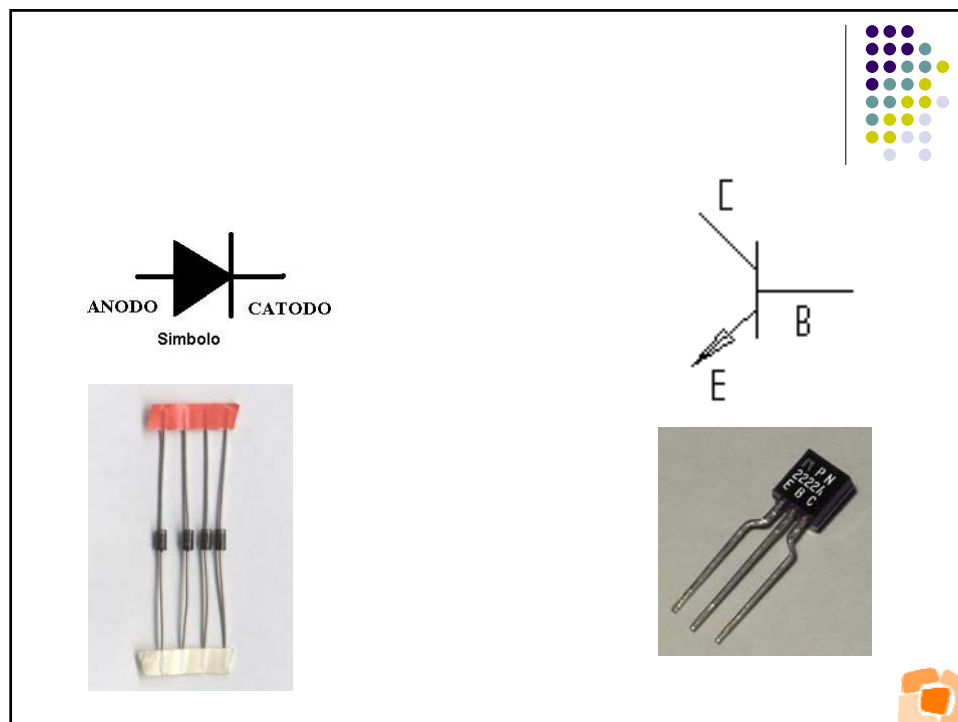
A BRIEF HISTORY



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Early "computers" at work. NASA photo









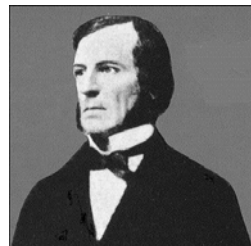
- Analog
 - Continuous
 - Can take on any value in a given range
 - Very susceptible to noise
- Digital
 - Discrete
 - Can only take on certain values in a given range
 - Can be less susceptible to noise



BOOLEAN ALGEBRAS



- George Boole:
An Investigation of the Laws of Thought on Which are Founded the Mathematical Theories of Logic and Probabilities (1854)



Algebra: a strange mathematical structure between groups and vectors

Claude Elwood Shannon was the first to use Boolean Algebra to solve problems in electronic circuit design. (1938)



Basis of this algebra



- All the elements of this algebra have values of 0 or 1.
- Three operators:
 - OR written as +, as in $A + B$
 - AND written as \bullet , as in $A \cdot B$
 - NOT written as an overline, as in \overline{A}



Operators: OR



- The result of the OR operator is 1 if either of the operands is a 1.
- The only time the result of an OR is 0 is when both operands are 0s.
- OR is like our old pal *addition*, but operates only on binary values

$f_{or}(a,b)=a+b$

| a | b | $f_{or}(a,b)$ |
|-----|-----|---------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Truth table



Operators: AND



- The result of an AND is a 1 only when both operands are 1s.
- If either operand is a 0, the result is 0.
- AND is like our old nemesis *multiplication*, but operates on binary values.

$$f_{and}(a,b)=a \cdot b$$

| a | b | $f_{and}(a,b)$ |
|-----|-----|----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Truth table



Operators: NOT



- NOT is a *unary* operator – it operates on only one operand.
- NOT *negates* it's operand.
- If the operand is a 1, the result of the NOT is a 0.

$$f_{not}(a)= \overline{a}$$

| a | b | $f_{not}(a)$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|
| 0 | - | 1 |
| 0 | - | 1 |
| 1 | - | 0 |
| 1 | - | 0 |

Truth table



Equations



Boolean algebra uses equations to express relationships. For example:

$$X = A \cdot (\overline{B} + C)$$

This equation expressed a relationship between the value of ***X*** and the values of ***A***, ***B*** and ***C***.



Quiz (already?)



What is the value of each ***X***:

$$X_1 = 1 \cdot (0 + 1)$$

$$X_2 = A + \overline{A}$$

$$X_3 = A \cdot \overline{A}$$

$$X_4 = X_4 + 1$$



Laws of Boolean Algebra



Just like in *good old algebra*, Boolean Algebra has postulates and identities.

We can often use these laws to reduce expressions or put expressions in to a more desirable form.



Basic Postulates of Boolean Algebra



- Using just the basic postulates – everything else can be derived.

Commutative laws

Distributive laws

Identity

Inverse



Identity Laws



$$A + 0 = A$$

$$A \cdot 1 = A$$



Inverse Laws



$$A + \overline{A} = 1$$

$$A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$$



Commutative Laws



$$A + B = B + A$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$



Distributive Laws



$$A + (B \cdot C) = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$$

$$A \cdot (B + C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C)$$



Other Identities



Can be derived from the basic postulates.

Laws of Ones and Zeros

Associative Laws

DeMorgan's Theorems



Zero and One Laws



$$A + 1 = 1 \quad \text{Law of Ones}$$

$$A \cdot 1 = A$$

$$A + 0 = A \quad \text{Law of Zeros}$$

$$A \cdot 0 = 0$$



Associative Laws



$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = (A \cdot B) \cdot C$$



DeMorgan's Theorems



$$\overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$$

| A | B | A+B | \overline{A} | \overline{B} | $\overline{A+B}$ | $\overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$ |
|---|---|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



DeMorgan's Theorems



$$\overline{A \cdot B} = \overline{A} + \overline{B}$$

| A | B | AB | \overline{AB} | \overline{A} | \overline{B} | $\overline{A} + \overline{B}$ |
|---|---|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



Other Operators



- Boolean Algebra is defined over the 3 operators AND, OR and NOT.
 - this is a *functionally complete set*.
- There are other useful operators:
 - NOR: is a 0 if either operand is a 1
 - NAND: is a 0 only if both operands are 1
 - XOR: is a 1 if the operands are different.

- NOTE: NOR or NAND is (by itself) a functionally complete set!



Boolean Functions



- Boolean functions are functions that operate on a number of Boolean variables.
- The result of a Boolean function is itself either a 0 or a 1.
- Example: $f(a,b) = a+b$



Question



- How many Boolean functions of 1 variable are there?
- We can answer this by listing them all!

$$f_1(x) = x$$

$$f_2(x) = \bar{x}$$

$$f_3(x) = 0$$

$$f_4(x) = 1$$



Tougher Question



- How many Boolean functions of 2 variables are there?
- It's much harder to list them all, but it is still possible...



Alternative Representation



- We can define a Boolean function showing it by means of using algebraic operations.
- We can also define a Boolean function by listing the value of the function for all possible inputs.



Truth Tables



| a | b | OR | AND | NOR | NAND | XOR |
|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



Truth Table for $(X+Y) \cdot Z$



| X | Y | Z | $(X+Y) \cdot Z$ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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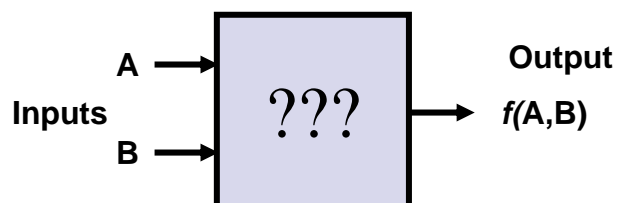


Gates

- Digital logic circuits are electronic circuits that are implementations of some Boolean function(s).
- A circuit is built up of *gates*, each *gate* implements some simple logic function.



A Gate



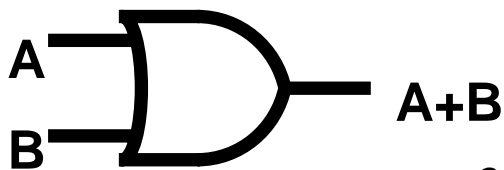
Gates compute something!



- The output depends on the inputs.
- If the input changes, the output might change.
- If the inputs don't change – the output does not change.



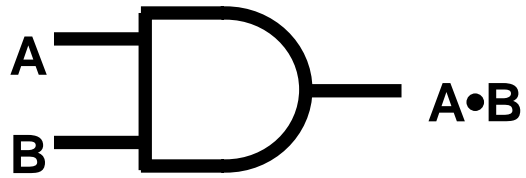
An OR gate



| a | b | $f_{or}(a,b)$ |
|-----|-----|---------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |



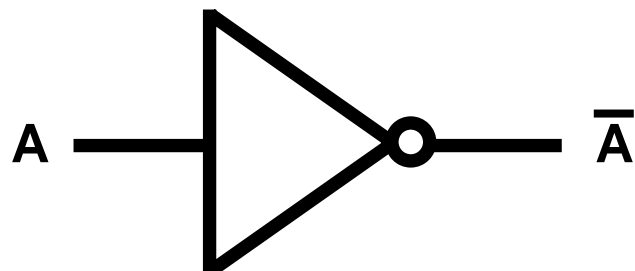
An AND gate



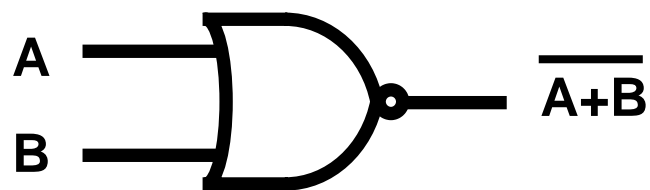
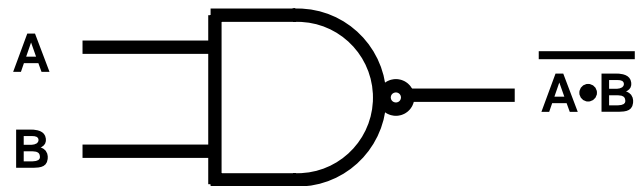
| a | b | $f_{and}(a,b)$ |
|-----|-----|----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |



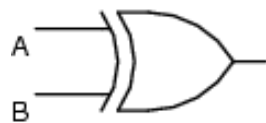
A Not gate



A NAND and NOR gate



XOR and XNOR



| A | B | Output |
|---|---|--------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |



| A | B | Output |
|---|---|--------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

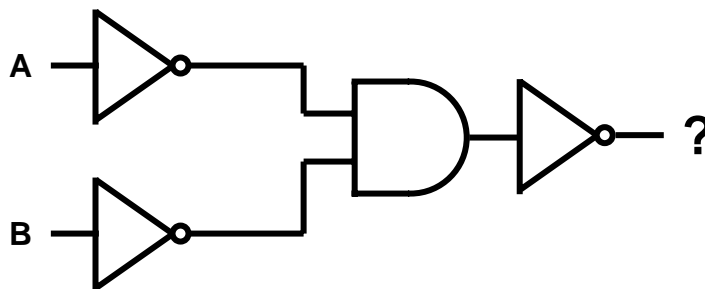


Combinational Circuits

- We can put gates together into circuits
 - output of some gates are inputs of other ones.
- We can design a circuit that represents any Boolean function!



A Simple Circuit



Truth Table for our circuit



| a | b | \overline{a} | \overline{b} | $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b}$ | $\overline{\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b}}$ |
|-----|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |



Alternative Representations



- Any of these can express a Boolean function:

Boolean Equation
Circuit (Logic Diagram)
Truth Table



Implementation



- A logic diagram is used to design an *implementation* of a function.
- The implementation involves the specific gates and the way they are connected.
- We can buy a bunch of gates, put them together (along with a power source) and build up a machine.



Function Implementation



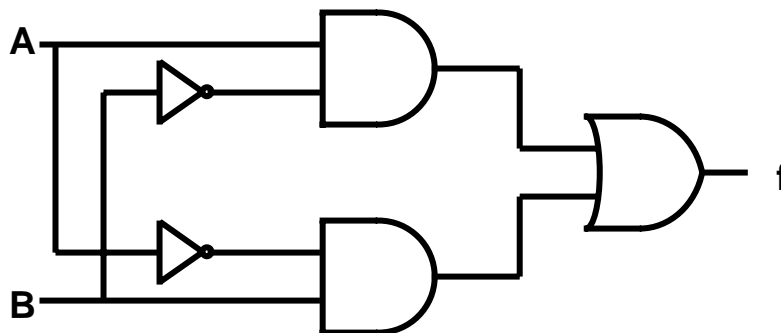
- Given a Boolean function expressed as a truth table or Boolean Equation, there are many possible implementations.
- The actual implementation depends on what kind of gates are available.
- In general it would be convenient to minimize the number of gates.



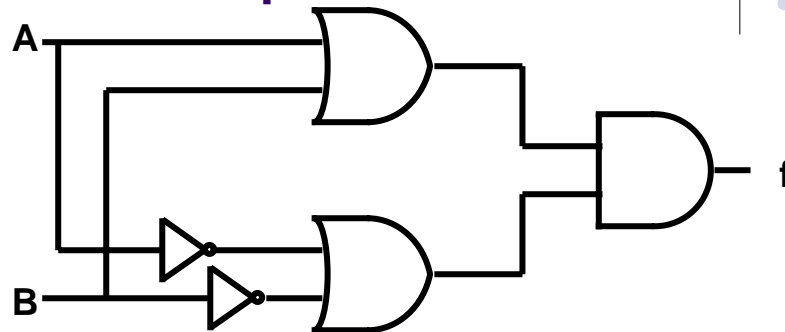
Example: $f = A \bullet \overline{B} + \overline{A} \bullet B$

| A | B | $A \bullet \overline{B}$ | $\overline{A} \bullet B$ | f |
|-----|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

One Implementation $f = A \bullet \overline{B} + \overline{A} \bullet B$



Another Implementation



$$f = A \bullet \bar{B} + \bar{A} \bullet B = (A + B) \bullet (\bar{A} + \bar{B})$$

Proof it's the same function

$$A \bullet \bar{B} + \bar{A} \bullet B =$$

$$\overline{(A \bullet \bar{B}) \bullet (\bar{A} \bullet B)} =$$

DeMorgan's Law

$$\overline{(\bar{A} + B) \bullet (A + \bar{B})} =$$

DeMorgan's Laws

$$\overline{((\bar{A} + B) \bullet A) + ((\bar{A} + B) \bullet \bar{B})} =$$

Distributive

$$\overline{(A \bullet A + B \bullet A) + (A \bullet \bar{B} + B \bullet \bar{B})} =$$

Distributive

$$\overline{(B \bullet A) + (A \bullet \bar{B})} =$$

Inverse, Identity

$$\overline{(B \bullet A) \bullet (A \bullet \bar{B})} =$$

DeMorgan's Law

$$(\bar{B} + \bar{A}) \bullet (A + B)$$

DeMorgan's Laws

Karnaugh maps



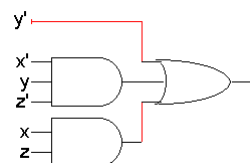
- The Karnaugh map was invented in 1952 by [Edward W. Veitch](#) and developed further 1953 by [Maurice Karnaugh](#).
- Karnaugh maps make use of the human brain's excellent pattern-matching capability to decide which terms should be combined to get the simplest expression.
- Karnaugh maps permit the rapid identification and elimination of potential [race hazards](#), something that boolean equations alone cannot do.
- A Karnaugh map is an excellent aid for simplification of up to six variables, but with more variables it becomes hard even for our brain to discern optimal patterns.
- For problems involving more than six variables, solving the boolean expressions is preferred to use of a Karnaugh map.



Review: Standard forms of expressions



- Expressions can be written in many ways, but some ways are more useful than others
- A **sum of products (SOP)** expression contains:
 - Only OR (sum) operations at the “outermost” level
 - Each term that is summed must be a product
$$f(x,y,z) = y' + x'yz' + xz$$
- The advantage is that any sum of product expression can be implemented using a **two-level circuit**
 - literals and their complements at the “0th” level
 - AND gates at the first level
 - a single OR gate at the second level
- This diagram uses some shorthands...
 - NOT gates are implicit
 - literals are reused
 - this is *not* okay in LogicWorks!



Terminology: Minterms



- A **minterm** is a special product of literals, in which each input variable appears exactly once.
- A function with n variables has 2^n minterms (since each variable can appear complemented or not)
- A three-variable function, such as $f(x,y,z)$, has $2^3 = 8$ minterms:

| | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| $x'y'z'$ | $x'y'z$ | $x'yz'$ | $x'yz$ |
| $xy'z'$ | $xy'z$ | xyz' | xyz |

- Each minterm is true for exactly one combination of inputs:

| Minterm | Is true when... | Shorthand |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| $x'y'z'$ | $x=0, y=0, z=0$ | m_0 |
| $x'y'z$ | $x=0, y=0, z=1$ | m_1 |
| $x'yz'$ | $x=0, y=1, z=0$ | m_2 |
| $x'yz$ | $x=0, y=1, z=1$ | m_3 |
| $xy'z'$ | $x=1, y=0, z=0$ | m_4 |
| $xy'z$ | $x=1, y=0, z=1$ | m_5 |
| xyz' | $x=1, y=1, z=0$ | m_6 |
| xyz | $x=1, y=1, z=1$ | m_7 |



Terminology: Sum of minterms form



- Every function can be written as a **sum of minterms**, which is a special kind of sum of products form
- The sum of minterms form for any function is *unique*
- If you have a truth table for a function, you can write a sum of minterms expression just by picking out the rows of the table where the function output is 1.

| x | y | z | $f(x,y,z)$ | $f'(x,y,z)$ |
|---|---|---|------------|-------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= x'y'z' + x'y'z + x'yz' + x'yz + xyz' \\
 &= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + m_6 \\
 &= \Sigma m(0,1,2,3,6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f' &= xy'z' + xy'z + xyz \\
 &= m_4 + m_5 + m_7 \\
 &= \Sigma m(4,5,7)
 \end{aligned}$$

f' contains all the minterms not in f



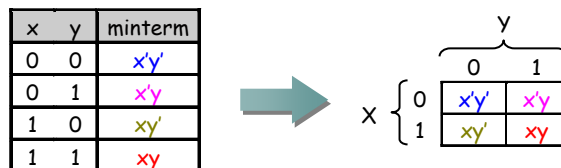


Can we know the number of functions that we have if we know the number of variables?

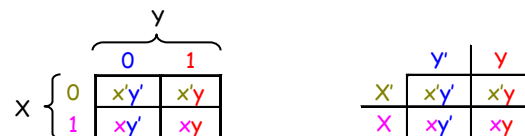


Re-arranging the truth table

- A two-variable function has four possible minterms. We can re-arrange these minterms into a **Karnaugh map**.



- Now we can easily see which minterms contain common literals.
 - Minterms on the left and right sides contain y' and y respectively.
 - Minterms on the top and bottom rows contain x' and x respectively.



Karnaugh map simplifications



- Imagine a two-variable sum of minterms:

$$x'y' + x'y$$

- Both of these minterms appear in the top row of a Karnaugh map, which means that both of them contain the literal x' .

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| | y | |
| | $x'y'$ | $x'y$ |
| x | xy' | xy |

- What happens if you simplify this expression using Boolean algebra?

$$\begin{aligned}
 x'y' + x'y &= x'(y' + y) && \text{[Distributive]} \\
 &= x' \cdot 1 && \text{[} y + y' = 1 \text{]} \\
 &= x' && \text{[} x \cdot 1 = x \text{]}
 \end{aligned}$$



More two-variable examples



- Other example expression is $x'y + xy$.
 - Both minterms appear in the right side, where y is uncomplemented.
 - Thus, we can reduce $x'y + xy$ just to y .

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| | y | |
| | $x'y'$ | $x'y$ |
| x | xy' | xy |

- How about $x'y' + x'y + xy$?
 - We have $x'y' + x'y$ in the top row, corresponding to x' .
 - There's also $x'y + xy$ in the right side, corresponding to y .
 - This whole expression can be reduced to $x' + y$.

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| | y | |
| | $x'y'$ | $x'y$ |
| x | xy' | xy |



A three-variable Karnaugh map



- For a three-variable expression with inputs x , y , z , the arrangement of minterms is more tricky:

| | | yz | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| x | 0 | $x'y'z'$ | $x'y'z$ | $x'yz$ | $x'yz'$ |
| | 1 | $xy'z'$ | $xy'z$ | xyz | xyz' |

| | | yz | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| x | 0 | m_0 | m_1 | m_3 | m_2 |
| | 1 | m_4 | m_5 | m_7 | m_6 |

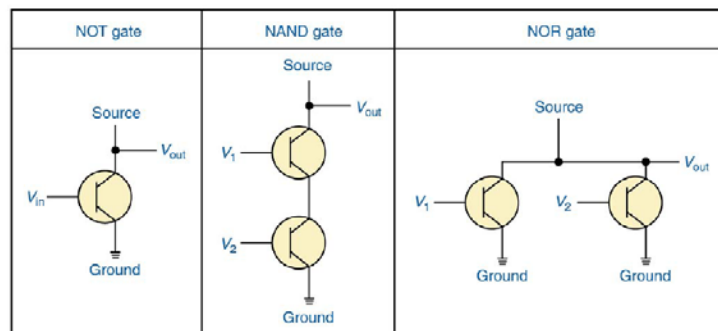
- Another way to label the K-map (use whichever you like):

| | | y | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | $x'y'z'$ | $x'y'z$ | $x'yz$ | $x'yz'$ |
| x | 0 | $x'y'z'$ | $x'y'z$ | $x'yz$ | $x'yz'$ |
| | 1 | $xy'z'$ | $xy'z$ | xyz | xyz' |
| | | z | | | |

| | | y | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | m_0 | m_1 | m_3 | m_2 |
| x | 0 | m_0 | m_1 | m_3 | m_2 |
| | 1 | m_4 | m_5 | m_7 | m_6 |
| | | z | | | |



Not all the gates are equally easy to build



Digital Circuits



- **Combinatorial logic**

- Results of an operation depend *only* on the present inputs of the operation
- Uses: perform arithmetic, control data movement, comparison of values for decision making

- **Sequential logic**

- Results depend on both the inputs of the operation *and* the result of the previous operation
- Uses: counter

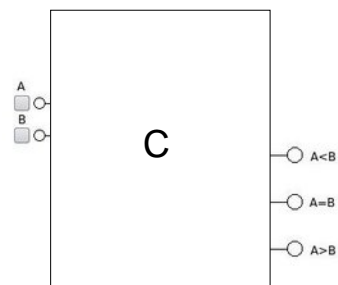


Comparators



It compares two input signals.

| Inputs | | Outputs | | |
|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| A | B | $A < B$ | $A = B$ | $A > B$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |



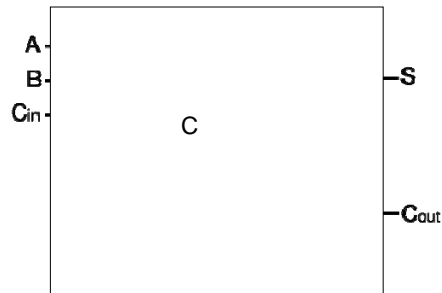
Based on this it can built a filter, or other more important devices like a analog digital converter or controllers



Adder

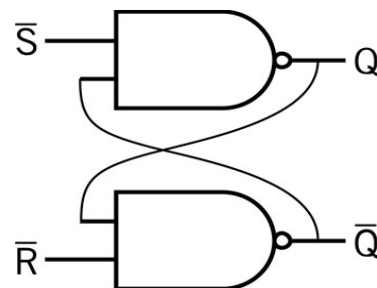
It performs the adding operation of three binary digits.

| Input | | | Output | |
|-------|---|----------------|----------------|---|
| A | B | C _i | C _o | S |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | | |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | | |



Sequential Logic Circuits

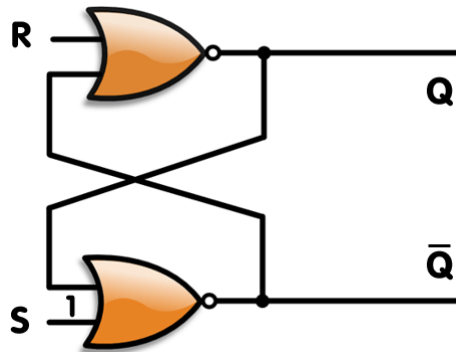
- Output depends on
 - Input
 - Previous **state** of the circuit
- **Flip-flop**: basic memory element
- **State table**: output for all combinations of input and previous states



SR Latch

SR latch operation

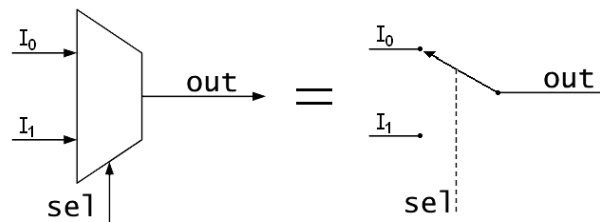
| S | R | Action |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0 | Keep state |
| 0 | 1 | $Q = 0$ |
| 1 | 0 | $Q = 1$ |
| 1 | 1 | Unstable combination, |



SR Latch

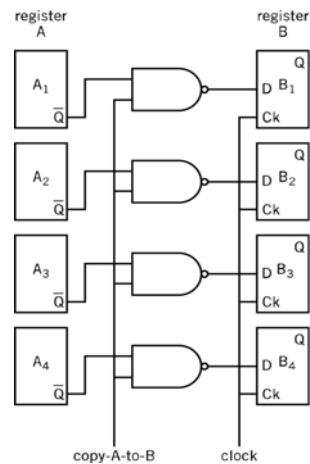
Other electronic devices

- Multiplexer:



Register COPY Operation

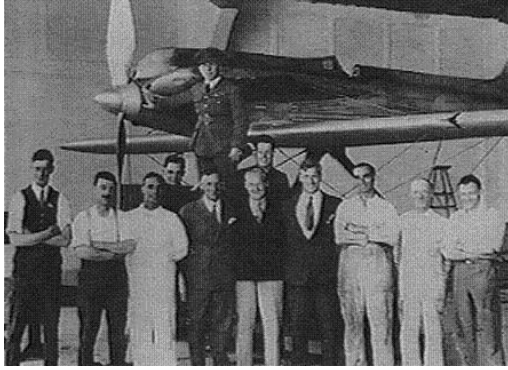
- Uses both sequential and combinational logic



Where are we?



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